LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PLAN
GRANT PROGRAM 2023

THE PROGRAM: The Leadership Scholarship Plan **(LSP)** was initiated to provide financial assistance to ministerial students who are tracking for credentialed ministry, and to those who are credentialed in The Free Methodist Church in Canada, and pursuing post-secondary educational studies in approved schools. The LSP program is funded jointly by Lorne Park Foundation, the Free Methodist Foundation, and The Free Methodist Church in Canada Giving Stream donations, and is administered by the Leadership Development office.

All courses must be taken through an accredited school. Here is the list of accrediting bodies:

- Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) - https://www.abhe.org/
- Association of Theological Schools (ATS) - https://www.ats.edu/
- Association of Free Methodist Educational Institutions (AFMEI) - https://fmcusa.org/ministries/educational-institutions

Scholarships may be awarded by the Director of Leadership Development to candidates tracking for credentialed ministry or to credentialed ministers pursuing educational opportunities at a non-approved bible college or seminary, in consultation with the official board of the local church and the LSP Committee. **It is our preference as a denomination that the approved schools be used. However, if you decide to apply to a non-approved school, you must apply in writing to the office of the Credentialing Coordinator first to see if the school can be approved for funding. It is strongly recommended that this be done before paying tuition, and well in advance of the LSP deadline. The Credentialing Coordinator, along with the LSP committee, will consider each request according to LSP policy.**

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY GRANT: Ministerial students will receive grants subject to the recommendation of the local Official Board and the approval of the Leadership Scholarship Committee. Ministerial students are to be involved in ministry in a local Free Methodist church where they are attending school, or their home church. Ministry experience while at school should be documented by the applicant and reported to their sponsoring Official Board.

Approved Colleges and Universities:

- Acadia Divinity College, (Acadia University), Montreal, QC
- Ambrose University, Calgary, AB
- Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA
- Briercrest Bible College, Caronport, SK
- Central College, McPherson, KS
- Greenville University, Greenville, IL
- Kingswood University, Sussex, NB
- Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY
- Rocky Mountain College, Calgary, AB
- Tyndale University, Toronto, ON
- Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA
- Spring Arbor University, Spring Arbor, MI
- Trinity Western University, Langley, BC

SEMINARY GRANT: Seminary students will receive grants subject to the recommendation of their regional Ministerial Education, Guidance and Placement Committee.

Approved Canadian Seminaries:

- Associated Canadian Theological Schools (ACTS), Langley, BC
- Briercrest Biblical Seminary, Caronport, SK
- École de Théologie Évangélique de Quebec (partnered with Université Laval,) Montréal, QC
- Tyndale University, Toronto, ON

Approved John Wesley Seminary Foundation (JWSF) Institutions are:

- Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
- Azusa Pacific University, Graduate School of Theology, Azusa, CA
- George Fox Evangelical Seminary, Portland, OR
- Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY
- Wesley Biblical Seminary, Jackson, MS
- Seattle Pacific Seminary, Seattle, WA
- Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN

Funding Amounts: LSP applicants will receive scholarship amounts based on a funding formula which can cause the amounts available for students to fluctuate semester to semester and year to year. This calculation is based each semester upon the number applicants, the number of credits taken by each applicant, the level of education, and the amount of funding received through the Lorne Park Foundation, the Free Methodist Foundation and FMCiC Giving

Stream donations. LSP scholarship funds awarded to students are capped at the actual amount of the tuition paid by each student.

D. Min / PhD Students: Those applying for funding for Doctor of Ministry or PhD studies are required to write proposal on how their studies will impact the mission and vision of the FMCiC. This proposal needs to be submitted with the application package the first time a student applies for funding for D.Min/PhD studies.

SERVICE / PAYBACK ARRANGEMENT: (The following policy applies to all students who receive LSP funding.) Grants are given with the expectation that all students receiving financial assistance will serve the Church in a meaningful way for a minimum three years after their studies are complete. Service includes ministerial service with FMCIC, service as an approved missionary or VISA worker or Chaplain, involvement in denominational ministry or active involvement in a leadership capacity as a member of a local congregation of FMCIC.

The amount of the grant received will be reduced by thirty-three per cent for each year of service, with service as defined above. In the case of scholarship recipients who cannot fulfill part or all of the three-year minimum service obligation, the assistance received will be considered to be a loan to be repaid. The grant is repayable to The Free Methodist Church in Canada over five years. Repayment is to begin six months after the completion of studies. A deferment of repayment may be requested if studies continue at a non-approved institution or if other circumstances warrant.

SOURCE OF LSP FUNDING: The LSP grant program is a continuation of the ministry of Lorne Park Foundation. The LPF continues to provide over one-half of the funds required for LSP each year from the capital asset income of Lorne Park Foundation. The balance of the funding comes from the Free Methodist Foundation and from local Free Methodist churches across Canada through the Leadership Development Giving Stream.

OTHER AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

1. **John Wesley Seminary Foundation (JWSF) -** Canadian FM students attending a JWSF institution (see below) who are at least Ministerial Candidates may receive a JWSF scholarship funded by LSP. The LSP application may be considered as an application for this scholarship. https://leadership.fmcusa.org/grants

2. **Special Scholarship Funds -** The Free Methodist Church in Canada and Lorne Park Foundation also administer several special scholarships. Students may apply for these scholarship from the website at this link: https://www.fmcic.ca/special-scholarships/ **For more information contact Susan DePlanché, Credentialing Coordinator, by email at susan.deplanche@fmcic.ca or cell phone 289-228-1225.**

HOW CAN APPLICATIONS BE MADE?

LSP application package forms are downloaded from our web site at this link: https://www.fmcic.ca/lsp/

All undergraduate (college/university) applicants need to be recommended by their church Official Board with their pastor's signature on the second page (1b) of the application form. Graduate and Post-graduate (Masters/ Seminary/ D.Min, PhD, etc.) applicants need to be approved by the Director of Leadership Development and Church Health in consultation with the Regional MEGaP committees.

A NEW COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH FIRST-TIME APPLICANT.

IF YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR LSP WITHIN THE PAST TWO YEARS, PLEASE SUBMIT ONLY THE SCHOOL CONFIRMATION FORM (#4) FOR THE CURRENT SEMESTER(S).

The deadlines dates are: February 15 for courses taken during the Winter Semester and October 15 for courses taken during the Summer and/or Fall Semester. Cheques are usually issued about six weeks after the deadline date for LSP.

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS:

- First time applicants - send all completed pages of the application package (forms #1a, 1b, 2, 3 & 4)
- Subsequent applicants – send the current semester(s) school confirmation only (form #4)

Scan and email (preferred) to Jennifer Cornwall: jennifer.cornwall@fmcic.ca / OR fax to: 905-848-2603 / OR mail to: Leadership Scholarship Plan (Attention: Jennifer Cornwall), The Free Methodist Church in Canada 4315 Village Centre Court, Mississauga, ON L4Z 1S2

ANY INCOMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS FOR THAT SEMESTER. NO RETROACTIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS WILL BE DISBURSED.
APPLICATION PACKAGES RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE LSP COMMITTEE.